

City Council Meeting
Of the City of Palos Hills
Held Thursday, December 17, 2009
City Hall Council Chambers
10335 S. Roberts Road
Palos Hills, Illinois 60465

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bennett called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor Bennett led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.
- 3) **ROLL CALL:** Upon roll call the following Aldermen responded as present: Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz by electronic attendance, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams

ABSENT: Kleefisch

- 4) **QUORUM:** Mayor Bennett declared a quorum was present.
- 5) **READING OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**
Ald. Moore, I MOVE to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated December 3, 2009 as presented. SECONDED by Ald. Brachman. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Brachman, Hanson, Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Knox

ABSTAIN: Marrotta, Schultz, Williams

ABSENT: Kleefisch

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

- 6) **CITIZENS PETITION:** None.
- 7) **CITIZENS HEARING:**
Mary Rochford of Palos Hills thanked all the City Officials and Department Heads for all the hard work that goes into what happens in Palos Hills.
- 8) **REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS:**
 - A. **CITY CLERK:** No report.
 - B. **CITY ATTORNEY:** No report.
 - C. **MAYOR:**
Mayor Bennett, Ladies & Gentlemen I have one item to report and that is on

December 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. I will be holding a hearing regarding the Royale Lounge at 7205 W. 103rd Street for the purpose of determining the allegations against them for violating on 5 occasions the Illinois Clean Air Act.

City Attorney Pappas informed the Council he received a call from the owner of that establishment and informed me that he was shocked that he received letter and may be requesting a continuance so he can get an Attorney; so that is a possibility.

9) PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES BY ALDERMEN:

A. BUILDING & LICENSES:

Upon request of Ald. Brachman, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2009-20 to an Ordinance Amending Title 3 by Adding Chapter 3.21 To the Palos Hills Municipal Code. (To levy a one percent (1% tax on the gross receipts of places for eating or eating establishments.)

Ald. Knox, I MOVE to WAIVE the reading of proposed Ordinance 2009-20. SECONDED by Ald. Williams. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Marrotta, Schultz, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson

ABSENT: Kleefisch

NAY: Stratton, Pasek

MOTION CARRIED.

Ald. Brachman, I MOVE for PASSAGE of Ordinance 2009-20, an Ordinance Amending title 3 By Adding Chapter 3.21 To The Palos Hills Municipal Code.

SECONDED by Ald. Knox. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Schultz, Stratton, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta

ABSENT: Kleefisch

NAY: Pasek

MOTION CARRIED.

B. CITY ADMINISTRATION/GOLF:

Ald. Moore stated we held our golf meeting this evening and thanked those who were in attendance. He stated they have their rates squared away for the 2010 season however there are a few more things we need to wrap up so I am scheduling another Golf Meeting for February 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

C. COMMUNITY RESOURCES: No report.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Ald. Marrotta stated Buxton is in the process of creating a Match List, what a match List is they evaluate residential purchase history, traffic numbers coming through the city; they will then take the data and match it up with best retail stores that will (inaudible) Palos Hills.

E. FINANCE:

Ald. Pasek, you all have before you a Vendor Warrant dated December 17, 2009 in

the amount \$769,950.50. I MOVE to authorize the expenditure of same. SECONDED by Ald. Stratton. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz

ABSENT: Kleefisch

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

F. LEGISLATION & ORDINANCE:

Ald. Knox, I MOVE for consideration of an Ordinance Adopting The Provisions Of The Clean Indoor Air Ordinance Of Cook County, Illinois, Along With The Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act In Palos Hills. SECONDED by Ald. Moore. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Stratton, Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz

ABSENT: Kleefisch

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Upon request of Ald. Knox, City Clerk Mulderink assigned number 2009-21.

After the reading of proposed Ordinance 2009-21 Ald. Knox MOVED for PASSAGE of same. SECONDED by Ald. Marrotta. Upon roll call the following Ald. voted:

AYE: Pasek, Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Stratton

ABSENT: Kleefisch

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

G. PARKS: No report.

H. PLANNING & ZONING:

Ald. Hanson, I MOVE to set January 19, 2010 for a Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing to hear a petition from Dr. James Davenport who is requesting variances for lot coverage and rear yard set back for an addition to his home. SECONDED by Ald. Moore.

AYE: Moore, Williams, Knox, Brachman, Hanson, Marrotta, Schultz, Stratton, Pasek

ABSENT: Kleefisch

NAY: None

MOTION CARRIED.

I. PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

J. PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER & WATER:

Ald. Williams, the Commissioner reports the following activities in the Public Works/Sewer & Water and Park Maintenance Departments:

Lay off of the Park Maintenance Department, work related injuries and one retirement have reduced staff levels from 20 employees to 14 employees. Of these 14 employees, 4 are either mechanic or supervisory personnel. This leaves a total of 10

employees to handle the day-to-day operations of Public Works/Sewer & Water and Park Maintenance Departments.

Winter has finally arrived and with it the demands of winter activities in the form of snow removal and water main repairs.

Since December 1st crews have repaired a total of 10 water main breaks. Of which 7 have occurred since last Thursday, December 10th.

Crews have been called on a total of 5 times to salt or plow snow from City streets and parking lots.

Public Works is utilizing salt brines to reduce salt usage and operational costs. Although we are at the beginning of the winter season the use of salt brine has prevented 2 after hours call in requests for salting or snow removal and has reduced the amount of salt normally used to combat winter storms from 150 tons to 60 tons. Of the 60 tons utilized to date, 10 tons have been in the form of salt brine. This equals 10,000 gallons of salt brine applied to city streets

Los Palos Sanitary Pumping Station experienced a pump failure. The pump was removed, rebuilt and reinstalled this past week.

103rd Street Meter Vault 25 horsepower motor developed a seal leak. The pump was removed, rebuilt and repairs this past week.

Crews are currently performing MWRD mandated sump inspections in the 78th Ave. and 102nd St. sub basin. Inspections are going and hopefully we will be completed by mid January with the sub basin. Compliance flow monitoring has been completed and will help us determine the next sub basin inspection zone.

As time allows crews will be trimming parkway trees starting on Michael Drive and working east from there.

Crews also managed to get two ice skating areas going. Berms were built or plugs were installed and Mother Nature helped get things going for us by providing a fair amount of rain on December 8th & 9th. However, she did not provide enough water to adequately fill the skating areas. Public Works crews added water to Volunteer Park this past Tuesday and Glacier Park this past Wednesday. Both ice skating areas look fair to good. Public Works will try to add additional water to Glacier Park this coming Monday, December 21st.

M.E. Simpson & Company is in the City performing our annual water leak survey. Past water leak surveys have proven very beneficial in the control of hidden water leaks that over time cost the city thousands of dollars in lost water. As hidden water leaks are located crews will complete the required repairs. By State law the city is required to maintain water loss at less than 8% of the total water purchased. Last years water audit

indicated our water loss was 7.7%, and this year's water audit indicated our water loss was 4.1%.

10) REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ald. Moore, Attorney Pappas during our Golf Meeting one of our budget cuts was \$2,000.00 for a Defibrillator and I still want to make sure that there will be no legal liability to not have one of those at the Golf Course.

City Attorney, I do not believe that it is required by State law but I can look into it and let you know.

Chief Madigan stated there are grants out there currently and he will look into writing a grant for the City, which will include all Departments.

12) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mayor Bennett reminded the City Council that the Committee Meeting scheduled for December 31st was cancelled by the City Council and will be held on January 7th, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

13) ADJOURNMENT:

No further business, Mayor Bennett entertained a motion to adjourn. SO MOVED by Ald. Stratton. SECONDED by Ald. Pasek. By voice vote, all voted AYE.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by

Rudy A. Mulderink
City Clerk
City of Palos Hills